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Object to Presence of Surveyors, and Clash with Soldiers Is Regarded as Imminent.

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SALT LAKE, Utah, Sept. 12.—A clash between the Indians on the Uintah Reservation and the regular soldiers now on the reservation and those who are en route is looked for any day. The redskins are in a very ugly mood over the presence of surveyors, who are laying off portions of the reservation preparatory to thowing it open to settlement.

The old chief of the tribe died a few months ago. He was a conservative old fellow and not inclined to antagonize the aggressions of the whites. But his place has been taken by younger and more warlike blood, and where the present anticipated trouble will end is problematical.

The Indians are particularly sore at this time because they feel that if their reservation is cut up, as the Government proposes to do, it is only a question of time before they will not have a remnant of their old home left. They feel that the time has come when it is necessary to make a stand against the inroads of the whites.

When the treaty to open the reservation was undertaken the Government met with considerable opposition, but the treaty was finally ratified. That did not tend to make the feeling between the Indians and the whites any more friendly.

When the surveyors made their appearance upon the reservation and began their work mutterings of dissent were heard on all sides. No attention was paid to the ugly mood of the Indians at first, the impression being that they would soon resume their natural phlegmatic condition, but this does not seem to be the case. From Fort Duchense comes the information that the Indians have taken their children out of the schools, a bad sign, as it means that the Indians propose to make some kind of a demonstration. A detachment of cavalry left the post yesterday to bring them back.

Reports have also been received at White Rock Agency that the Indians have threatened to run the surveyors out. It is expected that two troops of colored cavalry will arrive on the reservation very shortly and remain there until complete order is restored.